

INDOOR SPORTS

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By Tad



MAJOR LEAGUES IN SCRAMBLE

Big Teams Must Hustle to Fill Their Depleted Ranks.

(By Jack Velock, International News Service Sports Editor.) NEW YORK, May 18.—The idea of August may see a number of major league teams in a wild scramble for talent to fill depleted ranks and protect the ground won in earlier stages of the campaign for the pennants. The recent announcement of the war department to the effect that all of the men registered in Class 1 will most likely be called to cantonment camps by the 1st day of July, indicates that there will be many vacancies ahead for the managers, and there is no telling how far out Uncle Sam's arm will reach. Practically every club in the two major leagues has two or more players who are listed in Class 1, but among these players are quite a few whose serial number are well down on the lists in their own districts. For this reason these players have been able to continue in the game. But scarcely a week goes by in which from three to five players do not answer the call of the nation, and with teams losing such valuable men as Grover Alexander, Al Mamaux, Bob Shawkey and many others there will come a time when reconstruction of the ranks will be imperative. The clubs cannot go on indefinitely without filling up gaps. So, figuring on what the fortunes of this or that club will be by August 1 is apparently a useless task, for this is a year filled with uncertainties for the big leagues, not to mention the struggling minors.

IS WOOD TO BE ANOTHER GRANNEY? FAILED IN BOX, WINS IN OUTFIELD



Is history to repeat itself in the case of Joe Wood, who is doing odd jobs of outfielding for the Cleveland Indians? In 1910 Jack Graney came to the Cleveland team from the Pacific Coast league as a pitcher. The Cleveland manager promptly put Jack in the outfield, told him he was an outfielder, and he has been a fly-chaser ever since. Moreover, he is considered the best sun-fielder in the majors and the leading lead-off man in either organization. Wood as an outfielder has been hitting the ball at a 300 clip, besides breaking up several ball games with timely hits, and is behaving like a finished performer in the outfield. Is Cleveland to have the same luck with Wood that it enjoyed with Graney? If fortune smiles again, Manager Foh's team may yet be heard from in the 1918 struggle.

BABE RUTH'S FRIGHTFULNESS

Big Boston Pitcher Leads With Stick in American.

CHICAGO, May 18.—"Babe" Ruth's remarkable streak continues to be the sensation of the American league. Average released today show the big Boston pitcher, who also has been playing first base and in the outfield, with a mark of .478—89 points above his average of a week ago. The figures include games of Wednesday. Home runs, triples and doubles dot Ruth's record. In sixteen games he has made twenty hits for a total of thirty-nine bases. In addition to three home runs, he has cracked out eight doubles and a triple. In his last four games he made nine hits, five of them doubles. The Ruth also is having success on the mound, having won four of seven games.

BASEBALL STATISTICS

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

Table with columns: National League, American League, Teams, Won, Lost, Pct. Lists standings for various teams like New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, etc.

SOME HITTING

BOSTON, May 18.—Hugh Duffy, holder of the highest batting average ever recorded in either of the major leagues, says that Babe Ruth, of the Red Sox, hits a ball harder than any other player in that company. A part of Ruth's success is due to confidence in himself. He firmly believes that he can hit all kinds of pitching. He has made so many tremendous drives off the best batters that he is regarded with feelings of appreciation whenever he toes the plate. Ruth is a young giant in strength and has a good eye. He seldom swings at wide balls, and when he does he connects squarely with his big bat there's something doing. As a slugger the husky Bostonian is in Class 1-A.

Major League Games

Table with columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE, AMERICAN LEAGUE, At Chicago, Philadelphia, etc. Lists game results and scores.

RECORD OFFER

BOSTON, May 18.—Rumor has it that there's a golf club in the west which has offered to guarantee \$5,000 to the Red Cross if Charles Evans and Jim Barnes will play an exhibition match over their course on July 4. It has also been said that in an effort to promote interest in Red Cross matches on Independence Day the crack golfers of the country will be partitioned to play exhibition contests either between themselves or with local talent. If his plan is carried through large galleries should turn out at every club.

WENDELL A COACH

NEW YORK, May 18.—Lew Wendell, formerly a member of the Giant's catching staff and more recently a New York policeman, has abandoned the pursuit of the ordinarily inclined to assume the position as coach of the baseball squad at Lafayette college. Wendell reports that he has assembled a large number of promising candidates at Easton and that he expects to obtain good results. Once he has the team in shape Wendell departs from Easton to accept a berth with the New London club of the Eastern League.

JINX FOR BROWNS

NEW YORK, May 18.—Maybe the Yankees' old jinx has gone to St. Louis with the players that were traded by Miller Huggins to the Browns for Derrell Pratt, Urban Shooker is the first of the former Yankee to succumb to the evil influences of this strange hoodoo. Shooker is laid up with a broken finger. He tried to stop a hot liner from Happy Felach's bat in a recent game with the White Sox and will be on the shelf for several weeks. So far Huggins has lost but one man because of accident. Catcher Walters became crippled during the training season down south. He and Ray Caldwell whose arm has been lame, soon will be in harness.

WANT PLAYERS

NEW YORK, May 18.—It is said on good authority that the Y. M. C. A. soon will send a formal request to Presidents Johnson and Tener of the major leagues, for all players who will be sent to France for the purpose of entertaining the American troops. This request, it is reported, will include the positions of two players from each of the sixteen major league clubs to be shipped across the Atlantic as soon as possible.

ROBISON PARK SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19.

First car leaves transfer corner 7:30 a. m. and every hour until 12:30 p. m., then 1 p. m. and every half hour until 5:30 p. m. Last car leaves park at 6 p. m. FORT WAYNE & NORTHERN INDIANA TRACTION COMPANY. We will be needing additional motormen and conductors to operate our summer schedule. Apply now at Holman street barn to C. A. Beamer, local superintendent, Fort Wayne City Lines. Mr. Ford Owner, let us show how we get our steady customers. 306 Clinton.

LIKE STRUNK

BOSTON, May 18.—Boston fans have taken a strong fancy to Center Fielder Amos Strunk of the Red Sox. The Boston players also like his work. Strunk was a fine player when Connie Mack had him, but since joining the Red Sox he has shown marked improvement. He is playing his position in a way that reminds Bostonians of Tris Speaker and he is sure to hit in the 300 class. The Red Sox made a profitable investment when they bought Strunk, McInnis, Schang and Bush, for without these stars the team would not be leading the American League pennant race.

SOMETHING NEW

WINDSOR, Can., May 13.—J. W. Porter, a Winnipeg golf enthusiast, has invented a new driving machine which is something of a novelty. The drive is made from a mat in the regular way, but the ball is captive in that it travels along a wire and hits a small target about twenty feet away. When the target is forced back it holds an arm at the side forward. A loose ball which rests in an inclined runway is forced up the runway by the arm, and the harder the hit the farther the ball travels up the in-

BENNIE WATCHED HIM

NEW YORK, May 18.—While Lew Tender and Willie Jackson were performing for fifteen rounds at New Haven

SLEEP DID IT

DETROIT, May 18.—Old Sam Crawford, of the mighty wallop, whose grudge against the fences has been of long standing in big league circles and who now is pasting the ball for Los Angeles in the Coast League, prescribes repose to all who would hit the ball. The old player imparted recently his personal views in the matter of hit promoting in the following: "You ask to what I attribute my ability as a hitter. Condition, I think, more than anything else. Of course, I have always believed that a batter is born and not made. A natural hitter will undoubtedly become a better batter with coaching, but he must have some ability first. "If a man keeps in good physical condition his eye is bound to be clear. To attain condition, before everything else, advocate sleep. Early to bed and early to rise is one of the greatest and most useful of all proverbs, in my estimation. Even if one does not feel sleepy it is a good thing to go to bed early and rest. While stretched out on bed all of the muscles are relaxed. They are given a chance to rebuild the strength which has to be used during the day."

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Ted Lewis Retains Title. DENVER, Colo., May 18.—Ted Lewis still clings to the welterweight title today after a midnight twenty-round go here with Tommy Gillman, of Minneapolis. The referee, chosen after a long squabble, gave Lewis the decision on points.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Table with columns: National League, American League, Cincinnati, New York, etc. Lists game results and scores.

Slips on Walk.

Paul Spiegel, 1139 Jones street, slipped on the walk in front of his home this morning and sustained severe cuts on his chin. He was given medical attention at the Electric works, where he is employed, and was able to report for work.

Connie Goes East

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THIS IS C. MILAN'S THIRTEENTH YEAR IN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL



One of the veteran outfielders of the American League is Clyde Milan of the Washington team. His first professional experience was with the Clarksburg team of the North Texas league in 1905. Milan was born in Linden, Tenn., thirty-two years ago.

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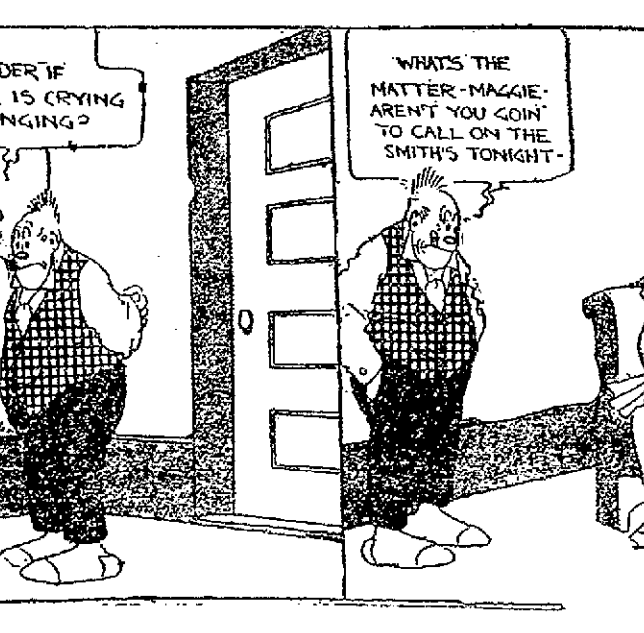
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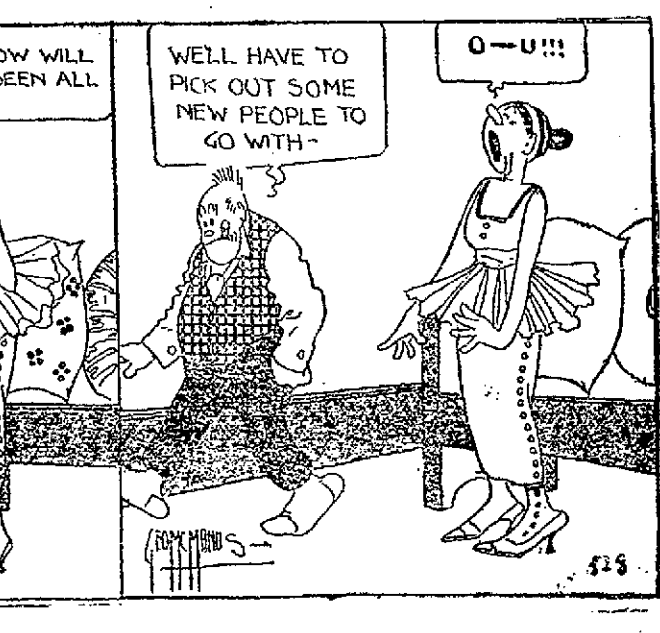
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AUTO RACERS PLAN ACTIVE SEASON; RESTA, DURAY AND OLDFIELD WILL APPEAR ON SPEEDWAYS SOON



Automobile racing this season promises to be one of the most successful in the annals of the sport. Already pretentious race meetings have been arranged for the speedways at Sheepshead Bay, Chicago and Providence, as well as for the tracks in other cities throughout the country. Great impetus has been given the sport by the announcements of Dario Resta, Arthur Duray and Barney Oldfield that they intend to make this the most active season in their careers.

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